

REMARKS

As part of this Request for Continued Examination, Applicant has amended the claims 1, 9, 12, 14, 18 and 23 and canceled the claims 15, 16, 17, 19 and 20. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments to the claims are supported by the application as originally filed and do not contain any new matter. In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that these amended claims would not be properly rejected based upon the art of record in the parent application for the reasons as set forth below.

The Examiner has rejected the claims in the Final Office Action based upon Borgeson and Kaneko et al. In reply to the rejections based upon this art, Applicant respectfully submits that at least certain limitations of the amended claims 1 and 9 are not shown in this art. In particular, Applicant respectfully submits that neither Borgeson or Kaneko et al. disclose that the opening edge part of the outer circumferential end wall surfaces of the bit engaging groove is formed as an inclined surface that inclines upwardly at an angle of 15 to 35° from an inner diameter side towards an outer radial direction or that a surface of the screw head that forms the boundary portion is formed as an incline surface portion that is inclined at an angle of 20 to 50° downward towards the central portion of the bit engaging groove all resulting in a screw with stabilized strength. In addition, the claim 12 substantially claims the screw with stabilized strength in combination with a screw driver bit and the limitation each of the bit fitting grooves is formed substantially vertical from an outer edge section thereof is not shown or suggested by Borgeson or Kaneko et al. Still further, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 14 is distinguishable from the prior art for at least the same reasons as claim 12.

Still further and as to claim 18, claim 18 claims a header punch used to manufacture the screw with stabilized strength and includes all the limitations of the currently amended claim 1 and is at least distinguishable from the prior art for the same reasons.

As to the amended claim 23, it too claims a header punch used to manufacture the screw with stabilized strength and further contains elements which Applicant respectfully submits are not contained or suggested by either Borgeson or Kaneko et al.

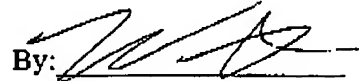
In view of the above, therefore, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered as part of this Request for Continued Examination, favorably considered and the case passed to issue.

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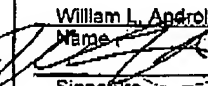
Applicant further respectively and retroactively requests a one (1) month extension of time to file this Request for Continued Examination and respectfully requests that the fee in the amount of \$65.00 be charged to QUINN EMANUEL DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 50-4367.

Please charge any additional costs incurred by or in order to implement this Amendment or required by any requests for extensions of time to QUINN EMANUEL DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 50-4367.

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